



# Windows 7 Compatibility

## Windows 7: Are You Willing To Forgive Microsoft for Vista?

We all remember what a compatibility nightmare Microsoft Windows Vista was between the time that it launched in January 2007 and the release of Service Pack 1 in April 2008. Unfortunately, software and hardware manufacturers and Microsoft were not on the same page when Vista launched and it took them close to a year to get to that point. As you can imagine, the folks at Microsoft are very determined not to repeat that bit of history with Windows 7.

In addition to improving the overall performance of the new operating system, Microsoft has put a great deal of effort into making sure that Windows 7 is extremely compatible with new and existing hardware and software. To boost this effort, Microsoft has focused a lot of effort into fine tuning the advances made with Vista such that all the work done by developers on Vista compatibility will transfer directly to Windows 7 and will allow them to build on those efforts as they work towards Windows 7 compatibility.

Now, it's important to note that even before it official inception, Microsoft was already at work and making great strides in preparing the way

for Windows 7 to be one of the most *compatible ready* operating systems to date.

### Windows XP Mode

One of the most innovative features in Windows 7, from an IT perspective that is, is the new Windows XP Mode. This feature makes it easy to install and run Windows XP applications right from within Windows 7 by way of hardware-based virtualization technology and the new Windows Virtual PC utility — the successor to Microsoft Virtual PC.



While working to make as many products as possible compatible with Windows 7 is Microsoft's main goal, it is important to point out that in a round-about way, Windows XP Mode is also very much about compatibility.



### Windows 7 Sneak Peek

For those that would like to preview the features of Windows 7, More Power Computers is hosting a "Windows 7 Sneak Peek" event on October 16. This is your opportunity to get a jump on Windows 7 before it's released to the public.

There will also be a presentation by Symantec Corporation on network security issues including antivirus, malware, spyware, etc. and Cymphonix Corp on network data security threats. This is a great opportunity to learn about threats to your network security and how to counter them. Other manufacturers of products pertinent to your business will also be attending this *one-time event*. Great door prizes will be given away, including a *20" Wide-Screen LCD monitor*.

To register for the event and for more information go to "www.clicktoattend.com" and enter Event Code 140818 for the morning session, or Event Code 141236 for the afternoon session.

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# Watch out for fake virus alerts

Rogue security software, also known as "scareware," is software that appears to be beneficial from a security perspective but provides limited or no security, generates erroneous or misleading alerts, or attempts to lure users into participating in fraudulent transactions.



## How does rogue security software get on my computer?

Rogue security software designers create legitimate looking pop-up windows that advertise security update software. These windows might appear on your screen while you surf the Web.

The "updates" or "alerts" in the pop-up windows call for you to take some sort of action, such as clicking to install the software, accept recommended updates, or remove unwanted viruses or spyware. When you click, the rogue security software downloads to your computer.

Rogue security software might also appear in the list of search results when you are searching for trustworthy antispyware software, so it is important to protect your computer.

## What does rogue security software do?

Rogue security software might report a virus, even though your computer is actually clean. The software might also fail to report viruses when your computer is infected. Inversely, sometimes, when you download rogue security software, it will install a virus or other malicious software on your computer so that the software has something to detect.

## Some rogue security software might also:

- Lure you into a fraudulent transaction (for example, upgrading to a non-existent paid version of a program).
- Use social engineering to steal your personal information.
- Install malware that can go undetected as it steals your data.
- Launch pop-up windows with false or misleading alerts.
- Slow your computer or corrupt files.
- Disable Windows updates or disable updates to legitimate antivirus software.
- Prevent you from visiting anti-virus vendor Web sites.

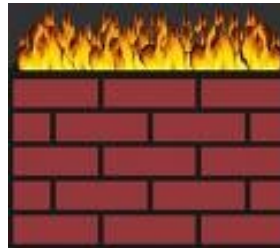
## To help protect yourself from rogue security software:

- Install a firewall and keep it turned on.
- Use automatic updating to keep your operating system and software up to date.
- Install antivirus and antispyware software and keep it updated.
- If your antivirus software does not include antispyware software, you should install a separate antispyware program.
- Use caution when you click links in e-mail or on social networking Web sites.
- Familiarize yourself with common phishing scams.

## If you think you might have rogue security software on your computer:

- Scan your computer using your antivirus software.
- Check your accounts. If you think you might have entered sensitive information, such as credit card numbers or passwords into a pop-up window or at a rogue security software site, you should monitor your associated accounts.
- Call PC Safety. Microsoft provides free virus and spyware removal support to Windows customers who think they have an infected computer or have other PC Security questions.

## What Is a Firewall?



A firewall is a software program or piece of hardware that helps screen out hackers, viruses, and worms that try to reach your computer over the Internet.

If you use a computer at home, the most effective and important first step you can take to help protect your computer is to turn on a firewall.

Windows XP SP2 or higher and Windows Vista have a firewall built-in and turned on by default.

If you have more than one computer connected in the home, or if you have a small-office network, it is important to protect

every computer. You should have a hardware firewall (such as a router) to protect your network, but you should also use a software firewall on each computer to help prevent the spread of a virus in your network if one of the computers becomes infected.

## Going Green

Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. The program is financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

### Oregon E-Cycles is FREE!

Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to participating Oregon E-Cycles collectors for free recycling. The program does NOT provide free recycling of keyboards, mice, speakers, printers, scanners or other types of electronics or appliances.

### Oregon E-Cycles is EASY!

Oregon E-Cycles has statewide collection sites and services that operate year-round. All brands of computers, monitors and TVs are accepted for free recycling.

### Oregon E-Cycles Recycles RESPONSIBLY!

DEQ requires participating recyclers to meet environmentally-sound management practices for safe handling and recycling of collected materials.